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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: INVESTIGATION OF NATIONAL
MACHINE TOOL BUILDER'S ASSOCIATION

REF: STATE 211216

1. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DESIRE AGAIN TO PROCEED
TO TOKYO TO SPEAK WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS IN CONNEC-
TION WITH THE CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION. JUSTICE DEPT,
ANTITRUST DIVISION, HAS BEEN "NEGOTIATING" WITH MR.
TANABE AT EMBASSY OF JAPAN. THE WAY THE JUSTICE DEPT
HAS HANDLED THIS CASE SO FAR IS THAT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY
WILL OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS AND WILL THEN VISA OFFICIAL PASSPORTS OF
JUSTICE OFFICIALS. CONTINGENT UPON OBTAINING VISAS, A
FOLLOW-UP NOTE WILL BE FORWARDED TO JAPANESE CONFIRMING
JUSTICE OFFICIALS VISIT TO TOKYO. JUSTICE HOPES TO OBTAIN
VISAS LATE ON 8/25 AND THEIR OFFICIALS MAY THEN BE
TRAVELLING THIS WEEKEND, POSSIBLY SUNDAY. IF VISAS ARE
NOT OBTAINED, IF IS ANTICIPATED THAT TRIP WILL BE

CANCELLED.

2. DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED NOTE TO EMBASSY HERE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE SECRETARY'S NOTE OF AUGUST 8, 1978. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONVERSATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN, ATTORNEYS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DESIRE TO VISIT JAPAN TO CONTINUE THE INTERVIEW PROCESS REFERRED TO IN THE SECRETARY'S NOTE. ONLY VOLUNTARY INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED. BASED ON THE FACTS AS WE NOW KNOW THEM NO CRIMINAL ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED NOW OR IN THE FUTURE AGAINST JAPANESE NATIONALS. THE INTERVIEWS ARE OF A PRELIMINARY NATURE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SHOULD INSTITUTE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST CERTAIN UNITED STATES PERSONS. NO DEPOSITIONS WILL BE MADE. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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